

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of *
GARY CHARLES ET AL *
Serial No.: New Application * Application Branch
Filing Date: June 25, 2001 *
Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CHLORINE DIOXIDE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of this application, and before calculating the filing fee, please amend as follows:

In the Claims:

Amend Claim 20 as follows:

20. (Amended) Apparatus for producing chlorine dioxide according to Claim 1, comprising a reactor provided with feed lines for chlorate ions, hydrogen peroxide and acid, the reactor being connected to an eductor provided with a nozzle for motive water and means for causing the motive water to flow further through the eductor in an at least partially spiral or helical manner.

REMARKS

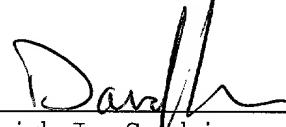
By this Preliminary Amendment, the multiple dependency in claim 20 has been deleted, such that the application now contains

no multiple dependent claims.

A marked up copy showing the changes made to Claim 20 relative to the previous version of the claim is submitted as ATTACHMENT A.

Favorable action is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENT A

20. (Amended) Apparatus for producing chlorine dioxide according to [any one of the claims 1-19] Claim 1, comprising a reactor provided with feed lines for chlorate ions, hydrogen peroxide and acid, the reactor being connected to an eductor provided with a nozzle for motive water and means for causing the motive water to flow further through the eductor in an at least partially spiral or helical manner.